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Monthly Report -- Nicosia Bureau

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6 August 87

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Nicosia Bureau -- July

I. GENERAL

The main event of the month was the move to our new office compound in western Nicosia [redacted] The old bureau, however conveniently located virtually next door to the embassy down town, had long been inadequate in terms of space and physical security. Moreover, now that we are in our brandnew quarters, it is vividly apparent by comparison that the old bureau was run down and shoddy. However, that shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone who has worked there in recent years.

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After a period of over two months while bureau technicians worked at the new bureau installing antennas, cabling and equipment, the move took place after the bureau closed for the night in the early morning hours of 7 July. The last remaining key electronic parts, the communications equipment, were disconnected and removed to the new bureau. There they were installed and hooked up to communications lines installed earlier for us by the Cyprus Telecommunications Authority. Unfortunately, at this point CYTA's reputation for excellence took a severe beating. After contacting [redacted] and advising them that we were preparing to test with them to fine tune our equipment, the incoming line failed. Shortly thereafter the outgoing line failed. Inasmuch as CYTA and the bureau technicians had successfully tested these new lines between the bureau and the embassy in the days preceeding the move, CYTA technicians were more than a little embarrassed that we were unable to establish a solid link [redacted]. Fortunately, our telex circuit, which had been installed earlier, responded immediately and when it became apparent that our primary circuit wasn't going to respond in time to open up for business the morning of 7 July, we began filing urgent material via the telex. Finally, on the afternoon of 8 July CYTA managed to isolate the problem and contact [redacted] was established. The problem turned out to be a simple one in that we were now many miles from the embassy, and CYTA in laying out a new commo path for us had to route our path through a series of relay points, which had the effect of reducing the tone levels on our lines to a level below where stable communications could be established and maintained. We supplied CYTA with a line amplifier and the problem disappeared.

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The landscaper is now on site and is beginning to bring in top soil, lay the irrigation system and install shrubs in the atrium areas. Grasses and other landscape plants will be placed in October after the onset of cooler weather so they'll have a better chance of gaining a healthy foothold.

Inside, we are putting the finishing touches on hanging bulletin boards, maps and pictures. We have salvaged many of the old custom-made storage cases, reference files, etc. from the old bureau and are re-fabricating them to fit into our new work spaces.

As soon as the landscapers have completed their work we will begin installation of additional long wire antennas across the compound.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Alerted by a pick-up in the Nicosia CYPRUS MAIL on 4 July, the bureau obtained the 3 July edition of Athens PONDIKI, a leftist satirical daily, which carried the 2,500-word "text" of a letter to Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou from Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in which Gorbachev endorsed the idea of the removal of U.S. military bases from Greece. The paper also carried Papandreou's response to Gorbachev. Both letters were filed at priority precedence. PONDIKI is not on Nicosia's regular coverage schedule.

2. In response to a message from the BBC on the evening of 10 July, which advised that a Middle East source had notified them that Iranian television was broadcasting solemn music while showing a picture of a "burning oil lamp," bureau began watching Tehran International Service in Arabic for reports of possible developments. Nothing unusual was reported before the radio switched to Persian-language transmissions. A close watch was maintained on Iranian radios for the next 2 days during Nicosia's hours of coverage responsibility. Eventually Tel Aviv's TV contractor advised that such behavior was not unusual, and the bureau stood down.

3. On 11 July the bureau obtained the 9 July edition of Athens I VRADHINI, which is not on regular coverage, and filed from it a report alleging that the Government of Cyprus had placed a \$250-million weapons order with France. We were alerted to the report by a response to it by Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktas, filed by Tel Aviv Bureau from Ankara Domestic Service.

B. Communications

1. The Bureau's incoming and outgoing primary circuits were down from OOB (0500 GMT) 7 July until 1604 GMT 8 July due to a line problem from the new building to the embassy. Concerted efforts by CYTA technicians finally resolved the problem.

2. On 29 July the teletype section began operational use of the BACH 1.3A software system. Attempts to implement the new system had begun on 21 July, but a glitch in the system necessitated a number of telephone conversations with Headquarters and much trial and error on the operators' part before the system could be used operationally.

C. Lateral Services [?]

1. After sampling (Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in Arabic from 8 to 15 July, including wirefiled program summaries, the bureau placed this station's 1330-1345 GMT daily newscast on regular coverage (Class "D").

2. As reported in the June monthly report, the bureau continued coverage of West Bank Arabic press and two clandestine Persian stations during the absence of Tel Aviv's Arabic/Persian monitor.

3. Due to staffing constraints in the Greek Section during the summer leave period, we have dropped coverage of the Moscow in Greek to Greece 1630-1700 daily cast (Class "D" coverage) from early July through October.

D. Technical

1. Equipment Received:

One Scientific Atlanta KU Band Receiver.

One St. Reseach Corp. Teletype Time Printer Model TTP-5.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Staff Engineer [redacted] returned from emergency leave in CONUS on 6 July. The [redacted] family then left for CONUS on 23 July on R&R. STAT
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2. Teletypist [redacted] departed for Tel Aviv on 30 July for an approximate 1-month TDY to assist during a staffing shortage there. STAT

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Bureau Chief
Nicosia Bureau

ATTACHMENT: Production Report

Nicosia Bureau Production Report for July 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	248200
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	121670
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	804

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	9640.00 min.	22260.00 min.	126.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

CHINA

Beijing in

Persian to Iran

0

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Iran's Flag of Freedom
Radio in

Persian

3290

(Clandestine) Radio Free Lebanon in

Arabic

10400

(Clandestine) Radio Free Lebanon in

English

0

(Clandestine) Radio Iran in

Persian

0

(Clandestine) Voice of the Mountain in

Arabic

3690

(Clandestine) Voice of the People in

Arabic

1540

CYPRUS

Nicosia Domestic Service in

Greek

7480

Nicosia Television Service in

English

140

Nicosia Television Service in

Greek

660

Nicosia BIRLIK in

Turkish

2990

Nicosia CYPRUS MAIL in

English

130

Nicosia ELEVTHERTIPIA TIS

DHEFTERAS in

Greek

0

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Nicosia ELEVTHEROTIPIA in Greek			1160
Nicosia HALKIN SESI in Turkish			560
Nicosia I SIMERINI TIS DHEFTERAS in Greek			0
Nicosia I SIMERINI in Greek			330
Nicosia KHARAVYI TIS DHEFTERAS in Greek			0
Nicosia KHARAVYI in Greek			1120
Nicosia O FILELEVTHEROS TIS DHEFTERAS in Greek			0
Nicosia O FILELEVTHEROS in Greek			1190
Nicosia TA NEA in Greek			110
Nicosia THE CYPRUS WEEKLY in English			830
Nicosia YENIDUZEN in Turkish			1580
EGYPT			
Cairo Domestic Service in Arabic	17740		
Cairo Television Service in English	770		
Cairo Voice of the Arabs in Arabic	0		
Cairo MENA in Arabic		39920	
Cairo MENA in English		4710	
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in English		8220	
GREECE			
Athens Domestic Service in Greek	13060		
Athens ATHENS NEWS in English			1760
Athens ELEVTHEROTIPIA in Greek			1700

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Athens EMBISTEVTIKO GRAMMA in Greek			200
Athens I KATHIMERINI in Greek			450
Athens I VRADHINI in Greek			250
Athens KIRIAKATIKI ELEVTHEROTIPIA in Greek			590
Athens KIRIAKATIKOS RIZOSPASTIS in Greek			0
Athens RIZOSPASTIS in Greek			0
Athens TO PONDIKI in Greek			3260
IRAN			
Tehran International Service in Arabic	0		
Tehran International Service in Turkish	310		
Tehran Domestic Service in Persian	34150		
IRAQ			
Baghdad in Persian to Iran	0		
ISRAEL			
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in Arabic			1630
LEBANON			
Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic	22770		
Beirut Voice of Lebanon in Arabic	14360		
Beirut Voice of National Resistance in Arabic	4900		
Ihdim Radio of Free and Unified Lebanon in Arabic	0		
Beirut AL-NAHAR AL-'ARABI WA AL-DUWALI in Arabic			0
Beirut AL-NAHAR in Arabic			450

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Beirut AL-SAFIR in Arabic			1120
Beirut AL-SHIRA' in Arabic			480
Beirut MONDAY MORNING in English			0
LIBYA			
Tripoli Domestic Service in Arabic	0		
Tripoli Voice of Greater Arab Homeland in Arabic	300		
TURKEY			
Ankara YANKI in Turkish			0
Istanbul CUMHURIYET in Turkish			6260
Istanbul DUNYA in Turkish			0
Istanbul GUNAYDIN in Turkish			2260
Istanbul HURRIYET in Turkish			8920
Istanbul MILLIYET in Turkish			8010
Istanbul TERCUMAN in Turkish			7110
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Persian	860		
Moscow in Greek to Cyprus	0		
Moscow in Greek to Greece	0		
Moscow in Persian to Iran	440		
Baku Domestic Service in Azeri	1190		
Tashkent Domestic Service in Uzbek	1040		
UNITED KINGDOM			
London AL-SHARQ AL-AWSAT in Arabic			1810